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**WHITLEY COUNTY COUPLE SENTENCED ON DIVERSION OF  
CHARITABLE GAMING FUNDS**

Frankfort, Ky. (May 3, 2004) – John Winstead, commissioner of the Kentucky Office of Charitable Gaming (OCG), announced today that Mike and Charlene White, of Corbin, were sentenced on forty-seven (47) counts of diverting charitable gaming funds of which they were convicted on March 12, 2004.

After the Judge denied the request for a new trial, the Whites were each sentenced to 10 years to serve in prison. The Whites were also ordered to pay \$64,735 in restitution to the Whitley County Football Boosters. Probation was denied because of the nature and severity of the crimes. The Whites were immediately remanded to the custody of the jailer to begin the service of their prison sentence.

“This sentence should send a strong message to all persons who take money from the gaming funds of charitable organizations that this is a serious crime and will be punished accordingly,” said Commissioner Winstead.